



BOARD OF DENTURISTS WEBINAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 15, 2021

Board Members Present: Patrick Carbone
Vallan Charron, Chair
Eric Hansen
Gayle Horner, Public Member
Brian Rounds, DDS
Szilard Zombor, Vice-Chair
James Anderson, Pro-Tem
Sandie McNaughton, Pro-Tem
Steve Peters, Pro-Tem

Board Members Absent: Josh Brooks, Pro-Tem
Cody Carson, Pro-Tem

Staff Present: Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 4
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Health Services Consultant 1
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Health Services Consultant 4
Julianne Kolln, Policy Analyst
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Others Present: Emily Lovell, Washington State Dental Association (WSDA)
Carolyn Logue, Lobbyist, Washington Denturist Association
(WDA)
Dr. McClellan, Chair, Dental Collaboration Committee
Melissa Johnson, Washington Dental Hygiene Association
(WDHA)

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The open session of the webinar meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Vallan Charron, Chair.

1.1 Introduction of board members, staff and audience

The board members, staff and audience were introduced.

1.2 Approval of agenda

A motion was made by Eric Hansen to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of December 11, 2020 special webinar meeting minutes

A motion was made by Eric Hansen to approve the December 11, 2020 special webinar meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously approved the December 11, 2020 special webinar meeting minutes as written.

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (OPMA)

Heather Carter, AAG provided a refresher training on the OPMA. The training was focused on webinar meetings, e-mails and social media. She also reminded members to refrain from using the “chat” feature during webinar meetings.

3. WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Val Charron shared that the committee recommends reducing the number of questions to 120, as well as reducing the time allotted to take the exam two hours. Committee members are also working to develop questions relating to implants to be included in future exams. The committee will meet again on March 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. to continue this work.

4. CLINICAL EXAMINATION

Val Charron shared that the schools have been contacted by the committee to discuss having the schools administer a final clinical exam as part of the curriculum. The exam would be based on the current clinical exam that is administered by the board. An update on this will be provided at the next full board meeting.

5. REQUEST FROM THE DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

The board discussed and considered taking action on the following request from the Dental Collaboration Committee:

- a. How does the board assure that the placement of prefabricated implant abutments does not lead to scope of practice creep into other oral health related professions?

Board members discussed how to prevent scope of practice creep in regard to placing prefabricated implant abutments. This item was deferred to the committee.

b. What is the definition/meaning of the following:

1. Removable;

Board members discussed defining the term “removable” in regards to denturism. Members discussed the term and suggested contacting the board approved schools to see if their curriculum contains common definitions. This item was deferred to the committee.

2. Definitive partial dental prostheses retained by clasps or/and other connector devices to natural teeth or/and dental implants;

Members discussed and suggested reaching out to the schools to get their assistance in defining this. This item was deferred to the committee.

3. Other common definitions.

This item was deferred to the committee to work on.

c. CDT – What codes do denturists use with no dentist on staff in a denturist clinic?

Committee members will contact a couple of denturists in their area to see what codes they are using. The information will be brought to the committee for review.

d. How would the board write a rule saying that a denturist must be teamed with a dentist, prosthodontist, or other dental provider during these procedures?

Board members discussed drafting rule language. Members shared that this hasn't been a problem and not sure rule writing is necessary. Dr. McClellan, Dental Collaboration Committee asked if it would be considered scope of practice creep if there aren't specific rules addressing this.

A motion was made and seconded to form a sub-committee to look into these issues and bring back to the board for their consideration to present to the Dental Collaboration Committee. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Sub-committee members are Eric Hansen; Szilard Zombor; Val Charron; and Sandie McNaughton, public member. A suggestion was made to invite the AAG, the two board approved schools and Dr. McClellan to participate on the committee.

Staff will contact all individuals involved and schedule a meeting to begin discussions on these items.

6. DENTURIST COVID-19 RESPONSE

Board members discussed extending the May 14, 2020 board decision to accept online live and/or recorded content for CE with no maximum hours that was to be accepted through December 31, 2020. A motion was made by Pat Carbone to extend the acceptance of online live and/or recorded content for CE with no maximum hours through July 16, 2021. The motion was seconded, and the board unanimously voted in favor of the motion.

7. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

There were no comments directed to the board at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the webinar meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2021. The next webinar meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Updated meeting information will be posted to the Board of Denturists webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Vallan Charron, Chair
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